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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Art Unit 2811
Examiner Name Vu, Quang D.
Attorney Docket No. 42390.P4222D3

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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** – Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

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- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Processing fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) for Limited Suspension of Action
- iv. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Checks in the amounts of \$ 770.00 and \$ 420.00 are enclosed
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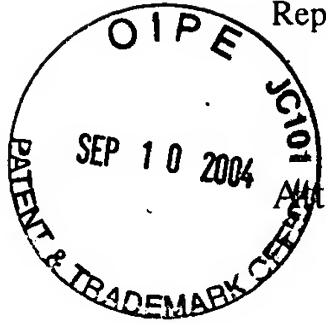
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For: DEVICE STRUCTURE AND)
METHOD FOR REDUCING)
SILICIDE ENCROACHMENT)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 7, 2004 and the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed concurrently herewith, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter this preliminary amendment and consider the remarks prior to examination of the above referenced case

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